

# 3rd Wing/11th Air Force: Excellent







PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

## Take it for a spin

Left: Lt. Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, commander of 11th Air Force, Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and Joint Task Force – Alaska, review aircraft forms with Maj. Evan Pettus, chief of 3rd Wing Weapons and Tactics, during the preflight for the general's first F-15E Strike Eagle flight as the 11th Air Force commander. The flight took place Feb. 7.

Above: The general indicates he is good-to-go just before he and Major Pettus taxi out for take off. This was General Fraser's first F-15E flight with the 90th Fighter Squadron as the 11th Air Force commander.



**Senior Airman Anne Eckstrom**, 3rd Operations Group, demonstrated professionalism while providing support to the 3rd OG staff. Assigned to Elmendorf for only two months, she immediately took over all 3rd OG support duties while her supervisor was deployed during Air Expeditionary Force 7. In addition to managing the correspondence flow, Unit Compliance Inspection prep and the end-of-year awards programs, she attended client system administrator training and assumed duties on the search and recovery team

**Gina Martin**, 3rd Contracting Squadron, is the team lead for the \$179 million Shemya Island contract. During the last two months, she assisted with the lead duties of the \$348 million Alaska Radar System contract, standardized the file plans, and developed and implemented standardized contract indexes and review checklists. She also initiated monthly performance meetings, started weekly team training and partnered with the Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., property section.

**Airman 1st Class Michael Quade**, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, displayed outstanding system knowledge and exceptional maintenance ability during installation of a pyrotechnic panel. The difficult task was efficiently completed in two hours, 35 percent faster than the standard. In addition, he discovered a cracked ejection seat leg guard and coordinated depot repair, saving 75 man-hours. Finally, Airman Quade led nine explosive time changes and a 36-month egress system inspection.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle  
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

**552-2224**

**actionline@elmendorf.af.mil**

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

### Key phone numbers:

Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC  
552-3007  
Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC  
552-2468  
Lt. Col. Brett Meyer, 3rd SFS/CC  
552-4304

## Member suggest signs regarding cell phone policy

**Q:** This call is in regard to the new cell phone usage policy on Elmendorf.

I am in no way complaining about the new policy. In fact, I think it is a good policy.

I am just wondering how people who do not work or live on Elmendorf, or conduct business out here on a daily basis, are going to be made aware of this new policy.

I know there has been an article in the base paper and the Anchorage

paper to notify people.

However, there are people who are here on temporary duty, retired people who live in the Mat-Su Valley or other areas that do not receive the base paper or the Anchorage paper, as well as newcomers and visitors to the base who will not be aware of this policy until they are pulled over.

Don't you think it would be a good idea to put signs outside each of the gates in letters large enough to be read from entering vehicles that

the only cell phone usage allowed while driving on base is hands-free?

I hope you will consider this suggestion to enforce compliance with this new policy.

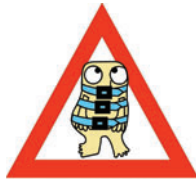
**A:** Thank you for your inquiry and suggestion.

In fact, we are currently fabricating signs which will be posted at each of the gates.

We anticipate them being ready and posted by Monday.



# Remember to wear a reflective belt during hours of reduced light



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## Elmendorf Moment in History

Feb. 21, 1941:



The first flying unit assigned to Alaska, the 18th Pursuit Squadron, arrived on Elmendorf Field with 20 crated Curtis P-36 Hawks.



# 'Excellent, x2':

## Arctic Warriors dazzle PACAF Unit Compliance Inspectors

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Hundreds of Airmen and base employees exulted, blasted horns, rang sirens and yelled in excitement in Hangar 1 Wednesday morning when Pacific Air Forces inspectors announced an "Excellent" rating for the 3rd Wing during the Unit Compliance Inspection out brief.

The 11th Air Force was inspected in conjunction with the wing and also received an "Excellent" rating.

More than 150 inspectors from the PACAF Inspector General's team began the five-day inspection of the wing and 11th AF Feb. 13.

The inspectors took a close look at almost 40 units in the wing, and more than a dozen units

in the 11th AF and evaluated each for compliance with public law, Department of Defense, Air Force, PACAF and wing-specific instructions, policies and directives.

Also inspected were the wing's response to an Emergency Management Exercise, compliance with AF Common Core Compliance Areas and compliance with AF and PACAF Special Interest Items.

Throughout the wing's inspection, more than 80 percent of the units earned "Excellent" or "Outstanding" ratings and were compliant with the CCCAs and SIIs.

Inspectors evaluated the wing on its performance during the EME Feb. 13, which tested the wing's ability to respond and recover during a major accident with mass casualties.

Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, congratulated the wing's Airmen and civilians for their accomplishments.

"The UCI took an awesome team effort, and members of the wing came through with shining colors," said General Carlisle. "Throughout the inspection I heard nothing but positive comments and that was reflected

in the out-brief and the report."

Col. Jack I. Gregory, 11th Air Force vice commander, congratulated the men and women of the 11th Air Force.

"The men and women of 11th Air Force can be justifiably proud of their overall 'Excellent' UCI rating. The PACAF/IG team had high praise for the quality of Eleventh Air Force personnel and the missions they perform.

"The 'Excellent' rating not only reflects the hard work of all in preparing for the UCI but also validates the high standard of 11th Air Force's day-to-day operations," he said.

Airman 1st Class Angelica Aguilar, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, operations intelligence analyst, was one of the 70 wing members recognized as an outstanding performer.

The two-year Air Force veteran said she learned a lot from the inspection and appreciated the recognition, but like the rest of her office, "was just doing my job."

"There is no question in my mind, Arctic Warriors are the best the Air Force has to offer, the best of the best ... you are truly, outstanding," said General Carlisle.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

Members of the 3rd Wing cheer as the results of the Unit Compliance Inspection are read Wednesday.

## 3rd Wing, 11th Air Force Outstanding Performers

### Coined Outstanding Performers

Senior Master Sgt. David Carlson, 3rd Mission Support Squadron  
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Arnold, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Master Sgt. Bill Childs, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron  
Master Sgt. William Stuhr, 3 EMS  
Tech. Sgt. Chad Case, 353rd Combat Training Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Billy Ludwig, 3rd Communications Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Darien McCulloch, 19th Fighter Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Michael Blahut, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Unit  
Airman 1st Class Angelica Aguilar, 3rd Operations Support Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Christopher Alvarez, 3rd Comptroller Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Ruth Vradenburgh, 3rd Wing Legal Office

### Additional Outstanding Performers

Major Diana Johnson, 11th Air Force  
Capt. Carey Jones, 19th FS  
1st Lt. Todd Garner, 3rd Contracting Squadron  
1st Lt. Margaret Kucia, 611th Air Intelligence Squadron  
1st Lt. Melanie Mankins, 3rd Services Squadron  
1st Lt. Kelly York, 3rd MSS  
2nd Lt. Joseph Douglass, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Altman, 3rd LRS  
Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Anderson, 3rd CS  
Tech. Sgt. Scott Beard, 3rd LRS  
Tech. Sgt. Shaney Bowlds, 611 Air Operations Group  
Tech. Sgt. Esmeralda Chittom, 3rd OSS  
Tech. Sgt. Gregorio Comar, 962nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Connie Dale, 3rd Maintenance Operations Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Duffey, 3rd Wing Command Post  
Tech. Sgt. Octavius Duffey, 3rd Wing Plans and Inspections  
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Fish, 3rd LRS  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Hodgen, 3rd Security Forces Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Kory Hunter, 3rd LRS  
Tech. Sgt. Salvador Jimenez Jr., 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Johnston, 3 Component Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Robert McLean, 3rd LRS  
Tech. Sgt. Sean McSweeney, Detachment 1, 353rd CTS  
Tech. Sgt. James Ozuna, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Bernard Punzalan, 3rd CMS  
Tech. Sgt. Eugene Quigley, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Russell, 19th AMU  
Tech. Sgt. Johnny Spiker, 3rd Maintenance Group  
Tech. Sgt. Rodney Tuttle, 3rd CMS  
Tech. Sgt. Larry Walker, 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit  
Tech. Sgt. Scott Waugaman, 3rd EMS  
Staff Sgt. Jeramy Bennett, 3rd EMS

Staff Sgt. Roger Boles, 90th AMU  
Staff Sgt. Stacey Cassaday, 3rd EMS  
Staff Sgt. Angela Clancy, 3rd Medical Group  
Staff Sgt. Jason Duhon, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Robert Hartless, 611th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Terry Hebert, 90th AMU  
Staff Sgt. Rhonda Howansky, 19th FS  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Lammert, 3rd CES  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Lund, 3rd LRS  
Staff Sgt. Greg Mengershausen, 3rd CES  
Staff Sgt. Vangie Miller, 3rd CES  
Staff Sgt. Nathan Patterson, 3rd CMS  
Staff Sgt. John Suskey, 517th Aircraft Maintenance Unit  
Staff Sgt. Robert Tierney, 3rd EMS  
Staff Sgt. Anthony Tsamardinis, 3rd EMS  
Senior Airman Alan Coleman, 3rd CS  
Senior Airman Danielle Coombs, 3rd CES  
Senior Airman Brandon Grisham, 12th FS  
Senior Airman Anastacia Isaacs, 12th FS  
Senior Airman Eric Isaacs, 90th FS  
Senior Airman Anetria Singleton, 3rd CONS  
Senior Airman Steven Spradley, 19th FS  
Airman 1st Class Nicole Clark, 611th CES  
Airman 1st Class Cynthia Allman, 3rd CPTS  
Airman 1st Class Misty Andersen, 19th AMU  
Airman 1st Class Drew Williams, 3rd EMS  
Kathleen Clark, 3rd Wing Legal Office  
Michael Fennema, 3rd CES  
Matthew Livingston, 3rd SVS  
Edward Luteran, 3rd SVS  
Roy Ozawa, 3rd CES  
Keith Pellerin, 3rd CES  
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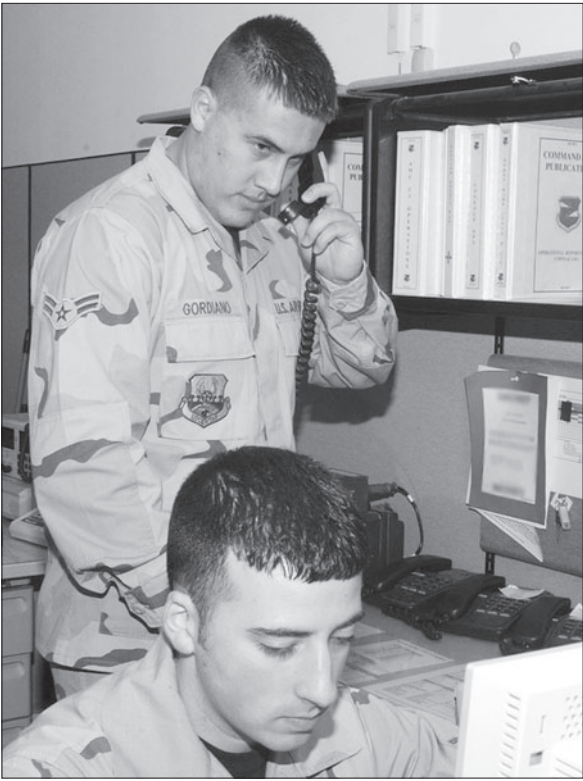


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## Keeping deployed leadership informed

Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Gordiano (standing), deployed from the 3rd Wing Command Post at Elmendorf, works with Airman 1st Class Ali Saffarini, deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan, to input events during a night-shift turnover in Southwest Asia. Airman Gordiano works in the command post and is one of four controllers and a superintendent responsible for keeping the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing commander and base agencies informed about what is happening in the wing’s around-the-clock operations.



# Sourdough Spotlights

## 2005 Pacific Air Forces Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award

*Aircraft Maintenance  
Person of the Year*

**Capt. James Martello,**  
*3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Company Grade  
Manager Category*

**Jeffrey Ransom,**  
*3rd Equipment  
Maintenance Squadron  
Civilian Manager Category*

**Mark Whiteman,** *3rd EMS  
Civilian Technician Category*

*Outstanding Munitions  
Missile Maintenance*

**Tech. Sgt. Preston Stucky,**  
*3rd EMS  
Technician Supervisor Category*

**Senior Airman Jacob Gatrost,**  
*3rd AMXS  
Technician Category*

*Outstanding Communications  
– Electronics Maintenance  
Person of the Year*

**Capt. Steven Lindquist,**  
*3rd Communications Squadron  
Company Grade  
Manager Category*

## 2005 Pacific Air Forces Aviation Resource Management Awards

**Tech. Sgt. Lori Hayworth,**  
*12th Fighter Squadron  
NCO of the Year*

**Senior Airman Brandon Grisham,**  
*12th FS  
Airman of the Year*



# Prevention is key for 'Bird Flu'

Most people are familiar with the term Avian Influenza, or the "Bird Flu" as it is sometimes called.

There have been many reports in the media about cases or suspected cases all the way from Southeast Asia to Turkey. What makes this strain of flu different?

Seasonal influenza is caused by viruses that have been circulating through the population for years. People have built up immunity to these viruses and also receive flu vaccinations. The concern with bird flu is that people have no natural immunity or vaccination. The disease could potentially spread rapidly and cause a global pandemic that could affect millions.

All the reported cases of bird flu, to date, have been from people who have an occupation in which they have close contact with birds such as raising chickens. There have not been any cases of human to human transmission, but there is a possibility the virus can change and make this possible.

Can a pandemic really happen? History shows there have been flu pandemics every 10-50 years. The For example, the Spanish Flu of 1918 killed 50 million people worldwide.

The best way to prevent pandemic flu is through personal protective measures. These steps can help a person reduce the risk of getting seasonal flu and also help protect against a pandemic flu.

- Get a flu shot annually.
- Avoid close contact with

people who are sick. Keeping three feet between you and persons who are ill is a good rule of thumb.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water (thoroughly for 20 seconds). Alcohol-based gel products can also be used.

- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches a contaminated surface and then touching the eyes, nose or mouth.

- Quit smoking and avoid secondhand cigarette smoke. Smoke damages the natural defense mechanisms of the respiratory tract.

- Maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a healthy diet and adequate sleep. Reduce stress and drink plenty of water.

- Stay informed. Visit the National Pandemic Influenza site at <http://pandemicflu.gov> and the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic).

Information is also posted on the Commander's Access Channel.

The 3rd Medical Group, along with other base agencies, is working on a Pandemic Flu Plan. This plan will address Elmendorf's response if Avian Flu reaches our community and will address issues such as lodging of infected members.

For more information, call public health at 580-4000.

*(Courtesy of the 3rd Medical Group)*



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JASMINE REIF

## Getting the truck ready

Left to right, Tech Sgt. Duane Germann and Airmen 1st Class Daniel Wander and Richard Jacobs, 586th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operators, put the trailer panels of a Line Haul Tractor in place. The panels keep loose cargo from falling off the truck and protect it from inclement weather. Sergeant Germann is deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Airmen Wander and Jacobs are deployed from Elmendorf.



Don't use cell phone while driving

Beginning Wednesday, people who use a cell phone while driving will lose on-base driving privileges for 30 days.

The Pacific Air Forces policy clearly defining the consequences of using a cell phone while driving, was signed Jan. 30 by Gen. Paul V. Hester, PACAF commander. There is a provision within the policy that allows for using the cell phones while driving if the driver is using a hands free device.

For violations committed in February, the offender – whether military member, DoD civilian, contractor, family member or other non-DoD driver – will be issued a warning. The policy also applies to anyone driving a government vehicle while off base.

As a reminder, rental cars, while on temporary duty or otherwise contracted by the government, are considered government vehicles and subject to this policy.

**Closures**

■ The 3rd Medical Group is closed today for outpatient routine care and pharmacy services to observe the 11th Air Force and 3rd Wing Family Day. Emergency services will still be available.

■ The commissary closes at 5 p.m. March 6 and reopens at 10 a.m. March 9. The commissary staff will replace all the old shelves with new shelves and changing

some sections during the closure. For more information, call 580-4863.

**MPF appointments**

The 3rd Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Office now offers appointments.

The appointment times are 7:45-9:45 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 3-5:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

To request an appointment, call 552-2276/2846/6978/6971, or e-mail *customer\_service@elmendorf.af.mil*.

People should receive an e-mail or phone confirmation before going to the requested appointment time.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mike Snyder at 552-6971.

**Munitions storage area closure**

The 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight is closed Wednesday-March 5 to conduct a 100 percent warehouse inventory.

Account custodians requiring munitions support must process all transactions as an Emergency Issue during this time frame.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Erik Long or Tech. Sgt. Paul Wenzl at 552-4491.

**Women's conference**

The second annual Women's Conference takes place 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 10 at the Ft. Rich-

ardson Community Education Complex. Lunch is provided. The theme is "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams."

People who are interested in participating in the free workshops should call Donna Shock at 552-0370.

**Elmendorf passes in**

The Elmendorf Pass and Registration office now has 2008 decal stickers.

If you have a 2005 year sticker, you can go to the Pass and Registrations office located in the People Center to pickup your new sticker.

All vehicles need to have current stickers by Tuesday.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amy Anderson at 551-5665.

**Protection from eviction**

If you are leasing a house or apartment and your rent is below a certain amount, the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act can protect you from being evicted for a period of time, usually three months.

As of Jan. 1, the amount of the rent ceiling is \$2,615.16. However, the military member must show that military service materially affects his or her ability to pay rent. If a landlord continues trying to evict the military member or does actually evict the member, that person may face criminal sanctions such as fines or even imprisonment.

If you feel you are in this situ-



ation, call 552-3048 to schedule an appointment with one of the 3rd Wing legal assistance attorneys.

Recipes wanted

New from “The Best of the Best” series, author Karen Tosten is collecting recipes for a new cookbook highlighting Air Force families and their favorite dishes. In addition to the recipes, she’d like to include short stories sharing why they’re special and have meaning and pictures of the families. People can submit recipes and stories or photos to Capt. Allison Farabaugh at [allison.farabaugh@hickam.af.mil](mailto:allison.farabaugh@hickam.af.mil). For more information, visit [www.quailridge.com](http://www.quailridge.com).

Airman’s Attic

The Airman’s Attic is open to all ranks 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. It’s also open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for senior airmen and below, Fridays for technical sergeants and below, and all ranks on the last Friday of the month. The Airman’s Attic is located at 7179 Fighter Dr. For more information, call 552-5878.

Loaner furniture

Long-term loaner furniture is available for accompanied and unaccompanied senior airmen and below authorized to live off base. This furniture is limited and issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. The furniture may be used for the duration of the member’s tour. However, they must

pick-up and return these items. Airmen interested in borrowing furniture should bring their address and one copy of their orders to the housing office from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays at 6346 Arctic Warrior Dr. For more information, call 552-4439 or 552-2599.

EOSO scholarships

The Elmendorf Officers’ Spouses’ Organization is offering \$1,000 scholarships to Anchorage area high school seniors. Applicants must be children of active-duty or retired military members with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Applications must be received by March 31 to be considered for selection. Forms are available online at [www.elmendorfoso.com](http://www.elmendorfoso.com), from high school counselors or the Elmendorf Family Support Center. For more information, call 622-9332.

Military wildlife conservation agents

The Elmendorf Military Conservation Agent Program is accepting applications from prospective agents until Wednesday. This program is an opportunity for people considering a career path in Wildlife Enforcement, Forestry, or Natural Resource Protection. Prior experience in outdoor activities and firearms handling is preferred. Applications are available at the Base Wildlife Museum at 8481 19th Ave. The museum is open 3-4:45 p.m.

Mondays-Thursdays and Saturdays, and noon-4:45 p.m. Fridays. For more information, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Todd Langford at [todd.langford@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:todd.langford@elmendorf.af.mil).

Community assessment survey

The Integrated Delivery System Working Group is sponsoring the 2006 Community Assessment Survey of servicemembers, spouses, reservists, and reserve spouses beginning March 15. The results of the survey will be used by the base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed to enhance the well-being of the community. Air Force community members at bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent to the work e-mail address of each active-duty member selected to participate (spouses will be sent a letter in the mail with the Web link). Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected servicemembers are strongly urged to take part. Child care openings The Elmendorf Child Development Program has immediate openings for children 6 months old through 2 years old. For more information, call the 3rd Services Squadron Resource and Referral Office at 552-7840.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
  - Thursday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
  - Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
  - Sunday Evening Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
  - Confession: 4:30 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2
  - Catholic Religious Education: 9 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel Center.
  - Ash Wednesday Mass: 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Chapel 2. Military members may receive the blessed ashes on their forehead and wear them in uniform according to Air Force principles of religious accommodation.
  - Stations of the Cross begin at 6 p.m. March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 in Chapel 2 followed by dinner.
  - Protestant Sunday
    - Liturgical Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
    - Traditional Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
    - Gospel Service: noon at Chapel 1
    - Fellowship Praise: 6 p.m. at Chapel 1
    - Protestant Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- For more details, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

# New Defense Travel System is coming soon to Elmendorf

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Elmendorf will soon join other Air Force organizations in using the new Defense Travel System.

According to Senior Airman Christopher Larsen, 3rd Comptroller Squadron, “The 3rd Wing and 381st Intelligence Squadron will be the first organizations brought online March. 24. After that, we will be following a proliferation plan that will have all organizations transitioned to DTS by Sept. 1.”

First envisioned in the mid-1990s, DTS was first fielded in 2001 at 27 pilot sites. It is now supporting hundreds of thousands of Department of Defense military and civilian members worldwide.

Col. Brandy Johnson, DTS program director, described DTS as “a state-of-the-art system ... that draws from the best features of commercial travel technology and links them to the DoD financial and accounting systems to provide the user a seamless, responsive travel system.” She added, “DTS will mean online TDY travel for virtually every person in the Department of Defense, both civilian and military. This is a quality of life issue for our people. They deserve DTS.”

Among the benefits DTS brings to travelers, authorizing officials, managers and commanders, include: fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses; approvals and certifications

tied directly to mission; a significant reduction in time spent administering travel; reduced paperwork; and the automated payment of government charge cards.

On Dec. 23, 2003, DTS became the official DoD temporary duty travel system and was approved for fielding to the entire Defense Department. Colonel Johnson said, “Within the next two years we will deploy DTS to the most high-volume travel sites within DoD. It will take time to deploy DTS to all of the DoD, but the process is well underway.”

The Program Management Office is working closely with the services and DoD agencies to back up those words with action.

As of Dec. 31, 2005, DTS is deployed to more than 200 of the approximately 280 major high-volume-travel locations planned for by the end of fiscal 2006. In addition, numerous smaller sites have self-deployed DTS with limited assistance from the PMO.

As of Jan. 1, DTS is being used at more than 6,600 sites worldwide and has processed almost 1.4 million approved authorizations and almost 1.2 million approved vouchers.

It is envisioned that DTS will be deployed to approximately 11,000 DoD locations by the end of fiscal 2006, at which point DTS will support more than 90 percent of all DoD business travel.

Fast, electronic reimbursement of travel expenses is a priority item.

As Colonel Johnson put it, “Why should our travelers be financing our operations? That’s what happens, in effect, if we don’t reimburse them promptly.” With DTS, DoD will be able to reimburse its business travelers quickly and electronically.

But, for the system to be effective, the user must have a Common Access Card and valid pin number, said Airman Larsen.

“The only way to log onto the system, is via a CAC and pin number,” he said. “The number 1 problem seen with DTS implementation at past bases has been the CAC issue.

“Users tend to wait until the system comes online before realizing that their pin numbers are invalid, then they all converge on the mission support squadron at the same time, causing undue stress on the members and system administrators,” he said.

Highlights of DTS:

- Work site approvals and certifications. DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler’s work site instead of at a servicing finance location.

This places the authority to make travel decisions with the leaders and managers responsible for completing the mission.

- Significant reduction in the time spent administering travel. Reports to Congress based on field-testing of DTS indicate that on average the time spent administering travel is cut to one-third of what it had been. Sav-

ing time also means saving money.

- Reduced paperwork. As DoD’s single end-to-end electronic solution for business travel, DTS is, in fact, online travel.

It provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the authorizing official, the service/agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller’s budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service and the electronic archive of travel-related documents, to include required travel receipts.

This electronic connectivity and archival process eliminates the reams of paperwork previously required for business travel.

- Automated payment of government charge cards. This attribute makes DTS “a knight in shining armor” for many travelers and for military services and Defense agencies.

It takes much of the after-the-fact bill paying responsibility away from the traveler, and will work to reduce those delinquencies that are caused by having the extra delay in the payment/repayment chain.

Once a voucher is approved for payment, reimbursement for expenses charged to the traveler’s government charge card is made electronically directly to the traveler’s individual account.

*(Editor’s note; The Program Management Office for DTS contributed to this story.)*



# Youth sculpt cool idea

By Capt. Eric Badger  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

If snow angels are all you want, don't call these snow-sculpting professionals.

As an after-school project, approximately 25 children are letting their creativity be their guide at the Elmendorf Youth Center as they sculpt an approximately 10-foot tall by 10-foot wide, 5,000-pound block of snow into a custom-made jungle gym.

According to Jennifer Lamar, Elmendorf youth programmer, the idea to sculpt snow was born last year as the youth wanted to participate in the snow sculpting event during the winter festival Fur Rendezvous, also known as Fur Rondy.

Fur Rondy is Alaska's most popular winter festival held in Anchorage every February. The festival provides numerous activities and events such as sled dog weight pulling, snowshoe softball, carnival rides, as well as ice and snow sculpture displays.

"We wanted to participate, but due to the children's limited after-school time at the center, it isn't possible," said Ms. Lamar. "We figured we could participate in our own way right here. It's turned out to be a big hit."

For the finished product, the children plan to build two tunnels within the snow block so they can climb to the top. The initials "YC," which stands for "Youth Center," are carved on one side of the block.

With constant supervision and

assistance from the Youth Center staff, the Elmendorf youth use standard gardening tools to sculpt the snow block for about an hour and a half each day.

"As long as the weather remains good for snow carving, the children will work on the project until it's complete," said Ms. Lamar. "I'm surprised at how fast they've worked already."

The 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron's Snow Barn and Heavy Equipment sections assisted the young artists by providing the block of snow.

First, the snow block form was hauled to the Youth Center by 3rd CES Heavy Equipment section members with the aid of a tractor trailer. From there, they maneuvered the form into place with a crane.

Second, 3rd CES Snow Barn members provided fresh, clean snow to blow into the form with the squadron's snow blowers and loaders.

The squadron also hauled in extra snow to make the ground level enough to support the block.

Snow carving has been so much fun for Aurora Elementary School student Amanda Depa, she said she is already looking forward to doing it again next winter.

"I love being outside and playing in the snow," she said. "Maybe next time we can make a big giraffe."

According to Staff Sgt. Ryan McIntosh, 3rd CES Heavy Equipment Supply Section NCOIC, providing the children with the snow block was no problem since the squadron also provides snow



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blocks to the local community in support of Fur Rondy's snow sculpting event.

"We enjoy helping out the community and base residents," he said. "Since the children here can't make it to Fur Rondy, it feels good to bring a slice of Fur Rondy to them."

Jake Buskirk, said putting what you make to good use is what it's all about.

"I like how we're getting the chance to play with snow and interact with each other," he said. "Once it's all done, we'll be able to try out what we make. I'd love to do this again next year too."



In text: Youth Center members begin hacking away at a block of snow they hope to fashion into a custom made jungle gym.

Top right: James Anderson helps the students create their work of art.

Above: Jake Buskirk and Josh Ewing along with other children work on the jungle gym.

Left: The block of snow the students are working on was donated by the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron's Snow Barn and Heavy Equipment sections.





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Clockwise from right: Ft. Wainwright goalie, Jesse Bonnaci cools off during a break between periods.

Richard Perez, Ft. Wainwright, moves the puck into Kulis territory.

Ryan Birk, Eielson Iceman, looks for the puck as he tries to recover from a collision with two Elmendorf Ice Eagles.

Kulis forward Jordan Shaulis fires one past Ft. Wainwright defender Brian Holmes, as goalie Bobby Dubinsky gets ready to make the stop.

Roger Brown, Eielson Iceman, heads for the goal, as Kulis' John Bender tries to stay in front.

Brian Bowman, Kulis Air National Guard, carries the puck down the ice, as Ft. Wainwright's Adam Fisher tries to stop him.

Elmendorf Eagle John Brownell, checks an Iceman into the boards during the third place game Sunday. The Eagles finished on top, 6-3.

## Kulis, Canadian Forces win tournament

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Eight teams converged on the Tesoro Sports Center in Anchorage Feb. 17-Sunday to participate in the seventh annual Alaska Military Hockey Tournament.

The tourney pit team players from Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force Bases, Ft. Wainwright, Kulis Air National Guard Base, and the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Canadian Forces, against each other. The teams competed for one of two championships in separate divisions.

Kulis reined victorious downing Elmendorf Labatt, a Canadian Forces team, in the upper division.

Meanwhile, NORAD Canadian Forces skated past Ft. Wainwright, in the lower division.

The Elmendorf Ice Eagles ended up taking third in the upper division, downing the Eielson Icemen, 6-3.

The Eagles were moved to the upper division to fill some empty slots at the last minute.

"I think we did well, playing in the upper division. A couple of these teams are really good," said Eagles coach John Hatch.

The Eagles started out Feb. 17, playing against the Elmendorf Labatt team, losing 6-2. They moved on to Saturday's game against eventual upper division champs, Kulis ANGB.

After losing to Kulis 6-2, The Eagles faced the team from Eielson Saturday night, but were unable to capitalize and lost 10-7. They came back Sunday to beat Icemen to finish in third place.

The lower division was rounded out by Kulis ANGB beating Kulis Spot 13 to finish in third place.

The tournament, which was sponsored by the NORAD Canadian Forces team, started Feb. 17 with the opening ceremonies at 5:15 p.m.

The ceremonies included a ceremonial puck drop, national anthems and an observed moment of silence for those players who are away on temporary duty.

This was followed by a player's meet and greet, and then the start of the tournament.



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# Services Eaglet

"Telling the Services Story" in daily activities and special events for the Elmendorf community

## Yoga

10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Classes \$40 per month

Arctic Oasis  
552-8589

### Returning Home Care

Everyone  
needs a  
little  
time

Family Child Care Coordinators:  
Loretta Morgan 552-4664  
Carolynn Collier 552-3995  
Bldg. 5091  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
weekdays

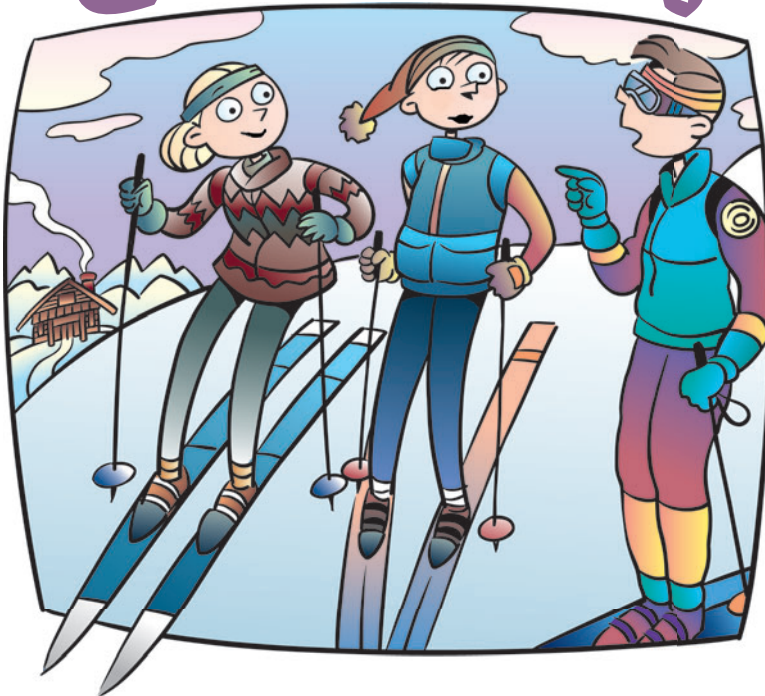
Resource and Referral  
Child care info and  
waiting lists  
552-7840  
8 a.m.-noon  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
1-5 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Returning home from a deployment \*  
entitles you to 16 free hours of child  
care - that's per child!

\* Must be 30 days or more in direct support of Global War on Terrorism



## Cross Country



### Lessons

1 p.m. Sundays  
\$5 or free with purchase or  
season rental of skis from  
Outdoor Recreation

### Waxing Clinics

1 p.m.  
March 4 and 18  
free at  
Outdoor Recreation

## Karaoke

9 p.m.  
Saturdays  
Kashim Lounge  
adults only

Best music  
selection  
in town

### Today

**Snowmachine Trip** 5 p.m., Hillberg  
Ski Area, 552-4527

**"Warm Up Anchorage"** 6-8 p.m.,  
learn to crochet and then donate crochet  
squares to local shelters, Arts & Crafts  
Center, 552-7012

**RC DJ (The Rajun Cajun)**  
9 p.m.-3 a.m., 18 and older, Kashim  
Lounge, 753-6131

**Southern Barbecue Buffet**  
5:30-8:30 p.m., \$8.95 *Members First*  
price, \$11.95 regular price, children  
6-12 eat for \$4.50, 5 and under free,  
Susitna Café, 753-3131

**Hula Lessons** 4-5 p.m., ages 4 to  
adult, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

**Night Hoops** 8:45-11:30 p.m., Teen  
Center, 753-2371

**Beginner Crochet** 6-8 p.m. today  
\$35, bring yarn and needle, Arts & Crafts  
Center, 552-7012

**Celebrate Black History Month**  
4:30-5:30 p.m., children will participate  
in a quiz bowl, perform songs, poems and  
portrayals, School Age Program,  
552-5091

**Club Member Social Hour** 5-6 p.m.,  
club members enjoy free food, adults  
only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131 and The  
Cave, 753-3131

### Saturday

**Karaoke** 9 p.m., adults only, Kashim  
Lounge, 753-6131

**Hip Hop and Jazz Classes**  
10-11 a.m., ages 4-18, prior sign up is  
required, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

### Cross Country Ski Waxing Clinic

1 p.m., free, Outdoor Recreation,  
552-2023

**Snowmachine Trips** noon, 3 p.m. and  
6 p.m., Hillberg Ski Area, 552-4838

**DJ with House Band** 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
at The Cave, ages 13-18, \$3 Youth Center  
members, \$5 nonmembers, for details call  
the Teen Center, 753-2371

**Kids Corner "Beaded Animals"**  
1-3 p.m., ages 3-10, \$15, Arts & Crafts  
Center, 552-7012

**Xtreme Bowling** 9 p.m.-1 a.m., \$18  
includes shoe rental, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

**Bowl Turning for the Hungry**  
Saturdays by reservation, learn the art of  
glazing a bowl for free and help feed the  
hungry, ages 16 and older, Arts & Crafts  
Center, 552-7012

**Give Parents a Break** 1-5 p.m., call  
for reservations, Denali Child  
Development Center, 552-8304

### Sunday

**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Les-  
sons** 1 p.m., \$5 or free if skis are pur-  
chased or rented for the season, Outdoor  
Recreation, 552-2023

**Sunday Brunch** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,  
\$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95  
regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12,  
5 and under free, senior airmen and below  
receive a 25 percent discount with their  
club card, Susitna Café, 753-3131

**Family Xtreme Bowling** 1-8 p.m.,  
\$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one  
lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda  
and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

### Monday

**E-4 and Below Special** 5-9 p.m., 50  
percent off bowling and shoes. If the  
military member is deployed, their family  
can still participate, just bring a copy of  
the orders, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

**Advanced Private Pilot Ground  
School** register Monday-March 3; the six-  
day course is March 3-12, \$350 plus \$255  
for course kit, Aero Club, 753-4167

**Instrument Ground School** register  
Monday-March 3; the eight-week course  
is March 14-May 4, \$420 plus \$280  
course kit, Aero Club, 753-4167

### Tuesday

**Bowler Appreciation Night** 5-9 p.m.,  
\$1.75 per game and \$1.75 for shoe rental,  
Polar Bowl, 552-4108

**Yoga Classes** 10-11 a.m., \$40 per  
month, ages 13 and older, Arctic  
Oasis, 552-8529

**Homeschool Program "Painting"**  
2-4 p.m. also March 7, 14, 28, April 4 and  
11, \$90, learn to use brush strokes and  
landscape acrylics, ages 11-17, Arts &  
Crafts Center, 552-7012

### Wednesday

**Wednesday Night Madness** 5-9 p.m.,  
\$18 per lane, up to five bowlers, shoes not  
included, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

**Beading "Clover Earrings & Pin"**  
5:15-7:15 p.m., \$25 plus \$5.95 kit, Arts &  
Crafts Center, 552-7012

**Preschool Story Hour** 10:30-11 a.m.,  
Library, 552-3787

**Take It, Make It Crafts** 11-11:30 a.m.,

Library, 552-3787

**Homeschool Program "Pottery and  
Ceramics"** 1:30-3:30 p.m. also  
March 8, 15, 29, April 5 and 12, \$90,  
ages 5-15, Arts & Crafts Center,  
552-7012

**Ceramics Pouring Certification**  
6:30-9 p.m., \$25, first piece free firing,  
Arts & Crafts Center, 552-7012

### Thursday

**Red Pin Bowling** 5-9 p.m., get a red  
headpin strike and receive a free game,  
one free game per each paid game, Polar  
Bowl, 552-4108

**Yoga Classes** 10-11 a.m., \$40 per  
month, ages 13 and older, Arctic Oasis,  
552-8529

**Morning Coffee Conversation**  
10:30 a.m., book club for spouses of  
deployed members, free, Arctic Oasis,  
552-8529

**Dr. Seuss' Birthday** 4-5:30 p.m., a  
*Read Across America* event, Youth  
Center, 552-2266

**Free Lift Ticket** 5-9 p.m., receive a  
complimentary lift ticket with the rental  
of a complete ski or snowboard pack-  
age, Hillberg Ski Area, 552-4838

**Beginner Stained Glass** 6:30-9 p.m.  
also, March 9, 16 and 30, \$85 plus \$45  
for monthly studio time, limited to eight  
people, Arts & Crafts Center, 552-7012

**Pottery on the Wheel - Glazing and  
Orientation** 6:30-8:30 p.m. also  
March 9 and 16, \$45, limited to three  
people, Arts & Crafts Center, 552-7012





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### Airman 1st Class Peter Lyons

**Organization and duty title:** 3rd Communications Squadron airfield systems journeyman  
**Hometown:** Shreveport, La.  
**Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, honor guard, racing my car at the track in Palmer and shoveling snow  
**Mission contributions:** I help maintain air landing systems and meteorological equipment.  
**Time at Elmendorf:** One year, seven months  
**Time in the Air Force:** Two years, five months  
**Best part about being in Alaska:** Breaking out the grill at 10 o’clock at night during the bright and shining summers.  
**Quote from Supervisor:** “[Airman] Lyons brings a work ethic and personality to our work center like no other. He handles his business and makes the airfield systems work center an enjoyable place to come to work.” Tech. Sgt. Billy Ludwig



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### Airman 1st Class Karoline Kountouriotis

**Organization and duty title:** 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron airborne radar technician  
**Hometown:** Truth or Consequences, N.M.  
**Hobbies:** Camping, reading and hiking  
**Mission contributions:** I try to help wherever I can.  
**Time at Elmendorf:** Five months  
**Time in the Air Force:** One year, five months  
**Best part about being in Alaska:** I love the scenery.  
**Quote from Supervisor:** “[Airman Kountouriotis has an] outstanding dedication to the mission with an immense potential for a career airman.” Staff Sgt. Matthew Bryan

## Crossword

# Air Force 102 - Organizations

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
21st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

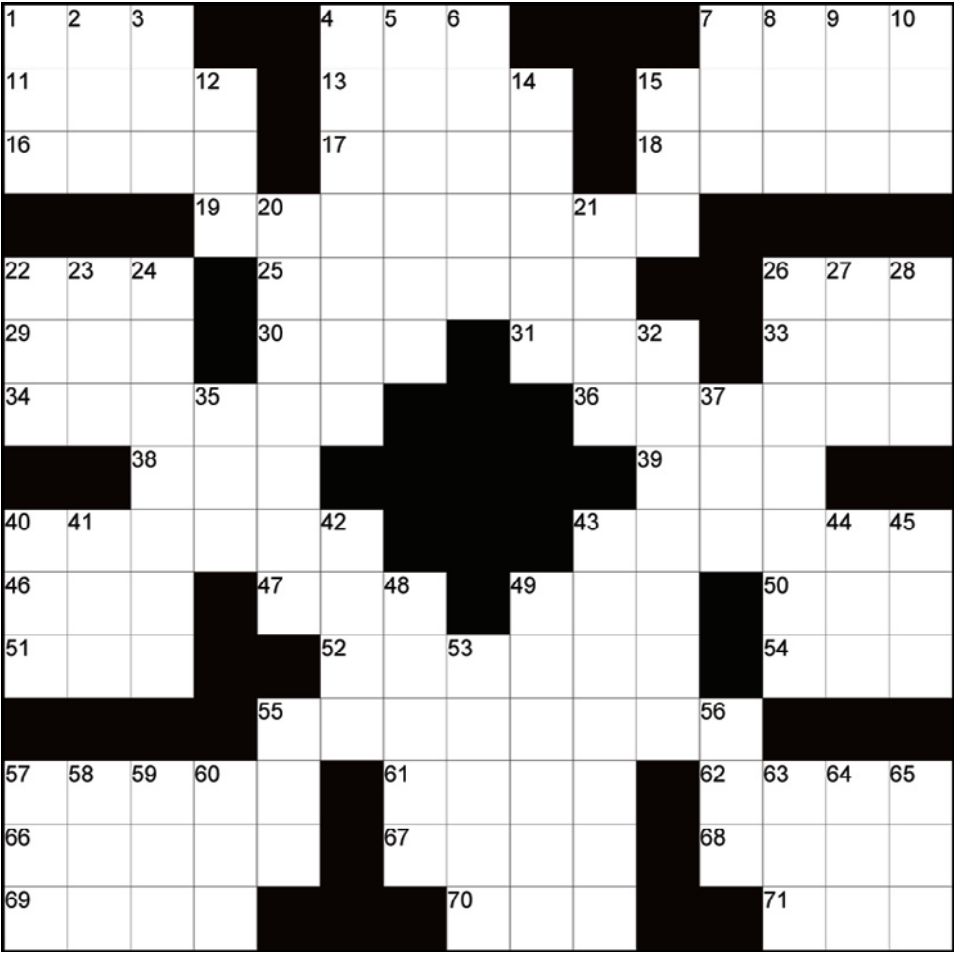
### Across

- 1. Picnic pest
- 4. So long
- 7. Major or Minor
- 11. Settle
- 13. One of 26 Down
- 15. USAF org. above 55 Across
- 16. Distant
- 17. NYC district
- 18. Beneath
- 19. Parts of 24 Down
- 22. USAF deployment set
- 25. Aviator Earhart
- 26. NYC player
- 29. Singer Torme
- 30. Desire
- 31. \_\_\_-Magnon
- 33. Mock
- 34. Tie type
- 36. USC player
- 38. USAF org. part of 68 Across
- 39. Whitish, milky looking liquid
- 40. Tropical paradise

- 43. Actress Lombard
- 46. Halloween mon.
- 47. \_\_\_ Lanka
- 49. Home to NHL broadcasts
- 50. Cut grass
- 51. Affirmative
- 52. Slanted
- 54. Observe
- 55. USAF org. above 24 Down
- 57. Thoughts
- 61. Smell
- 62. Intersection
- 66. Lesions
- 67. Otherwise
- 68. USAF org. above 55 Across
- 69. 20th FW home
- 70. Benchmark, in short
- 71. Mekong River denizen

### Down

- 1. State home to Maxwell AFB
- 2. USAF org. above 68 Across
- 3. Actress Carrere
- 4. First, second and third players
- 5. Navy personnelmen
- 6. Actress Merman
- 7. Fancy vase
- 8. Staff
- 9. Litigate
- 10. Spring mon.
- 12. Rapping doc?
- 14. \_\_\_ projection: method of map projecting
- 15. NFL player Frerotte
- 20. Plans
- 21. Caustic
- 22. One of 26 Down
- 23. Snakelike fish
- 24. Most basic USAF orgs.
- 26. USAF org. above 2 Down



- 27. Federal org. concerned with environment
- 28. X, to Cicero
- 32. Disney World site
- 35. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Paddle
- 40. Plaything
- 41. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 42. Site of OIF
- 43. Worked for a judge
- 44. USAF paperwork
- 45. Female sheep
- 48. Acclimate
- 49. Most senior
- 53. Celtic tribes
- 55. Draft org.
- 56. Compass dir.
- 57. Space station, in brief
- 58. Homer’s saying
- 59. Epoch
- 60. Deployed USAF org.
- 63. Engine need
- 64. Genetic info
- 65. Hubris



Feb. 17 solutions



# SPORTS PAGE

## Winter offers snow machining at Elmendorf



Members ride their snow machines on the back side of the base during a check ride. Members must be certified before they are issued a permit on base.



Trent Spangler, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and instructor for the snow machine class, talks about permit requirements during the annual briefing Monday. DoD civilians and family, active duty and family, retirees, reservists or National Guard members over the age of 16 are eligible to get a permit.

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Despite warming temperatures, base members are still able to enjoy the winter weather.

One of the many things the Anchorage Bowl offers is the ability to snow machine.

Anyone interested in snow machining on Elmendorf must either have a permit, or be escorted by someone who does.

But before anyone can get a permit, they must have a competency card. This is accomplished through an annual briefing and a one-time check-ride in which the instructor makes sure the rider is able to handle the machine.

Eligible permit holders must be age 16 and older DoD civilians and family, active-duty military and family, retirees, reservists and National Guard members.

Permit holders can only escort six people, and are responsible for their actions. They must also keep the people they are escorting within visual contact at all times.

In addition to these requirements, Elmendorf riders must follow simple safety tips.

- Riders must wear a securely fastened Department of Transportation approved helmet and either impact resistant goggles or a full face shield attached to the helmet. The

lenses must be clean and clear.

- Do not ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Always know and keep within your limits and your machine's limits.

- Know your machine and read the owner's manual.

- Use the buddy system. Don't ride alone.

- Analyze your trip and take appropriate gear (cell phone, beacons, survival gear, extra food, etc.). Remember you can ride further in 30 minutes than you can walk in a day. It is always a good idea to have a way out besides your snow machine.

- Always be cautious when crossing bodies of water. Watch for thin ice, open water and overflow.

- Wear proper layered clothing to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.

- Use common sense.

- Vehicles have the "right of way" at all road crossings, don't assume vehicles will stop for you.

- Elmendorf trails are numbered. If you have an emergency ensure you include the trail number with your location in relation to the trail to ensure a quicker response from emergency personnel.

By attending the annual briefing and following the above safety tips, riders can enjoy snow machining the rest of the winter.

For more information, e-mail Trent Spangler at [trent.spangler@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:trent.spangler@elmendorf.af.mil).



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Trent Spangler, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and instructor for the snow machine class, looks for oncoming vehicles at a trail crossing before proceeding.

## Sport Shorts

### Hip Hop, Jazz classes

The Arctic Oasis sponsors Hip Hop and Jazz classes from 10-11 a.m. every Saturday. Participants must be ages 4-18.

For more information, call 552-8529.

### Black Sheep Bowmen Archery Club

Black Sheep Bowmen Archery Club target leagues begin at 7 p.m. Thursdays through March. The range is located at Bldg. 7271 on Gibson

Avenue. Cost is \$6. Leagues are open to everybody.

For more information, call 753-1855 or visit [www.blacksheeparchery.com](http://www.blacksheeparchery.com).

### Baseball registration

Registration began Tuesday-March 24 for both Mighty Tots Baseball (ages 3 and 4) and regular youth Baseball and Softball (ages 5-18).

All participants must be Youth Center members and have a current sports physical on file at the Youth Center. Cost is \$55.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 552-2266.